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He is modest, unselfish, unassertive, but through character, ability and personality captivates one's interest and affection.

Perry Wheeler came around this afternoon for discussion of the shape of things to come in the garden.

Tonight, we dined at the Joe Alsops. The Ormsby Gores, her brother and sister-in-law, the Richard Cavendishes, Alice Longworth, the Bohlens, Henry Brandon, the Bob Macnamaras, the Walt Rostows, were there. As usual after dinner some of the men babbled about Soviet capabilities and intentions, and took in each other's mental washing. We know a great deal about their capabilities, and almost nothing of their intentions. Instead of searching for clues to Krushchev's Slavic psychology, I believe we might do well to treat him as a super political boss.

Had an enjoyable talk with attractive and brilliant Mrs. Rostow. Members of the cast of "Beyond the Fringe" appeared. We got to bed at two.

September 23, 1962 - Sunday

Truman, the indomitable, did not bring a station wagon after he heard we were to lunch at Sandy Spring with the Dean Achesons. He arrived with the American Machine & Foundry Company's huge prestige Cadillac. When Bedell Smith and Morehead Patterson were alive, I was unreluctant to accept such a windfall--now that I do not know the present executives I hesitate to use their car. Perhaps I might console myself for this one trip by reflecting that as a faithful stockholder I have a loss in my investment larger than the cost of the automobile.

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It had rained hard during the night and most of the morning. We were awash in our locomotive as we started off. Midway, the true Maryland late September climate, one of the best on earth, asserted itself, so we arrived in strong sunlight at our destination.